

SB 912 - HB 1329

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Human Services to establish a 24 hour statewide toll-free telephone number for the reporting of abuse or exploitation of children and adults. The report must be forwarded to the appropriate agency within 24 hours (excluding weekends or holidays) of the call. Requires departments investigating such complaints to cooperate with and report to the Department of Human Services. The department is to promulgate regulations for training of employees staffing the toll-free hot-line and investigating the reports. The department is also to coordinate an educational campaign about the hotline with the departments of Health, Children's Services, Mental Health and Education.

**Increase State Expenditures - \$4,380,000 Recurring
\$694,000 One-Time**

Assumes a need for additional staff for centralized phone system operation, response and referral within the 24 hour period of reported cases. Assumes a 25% increase (1,500) in case investigations for Adult Protective Services and a 15% increase (5,000) in Child Protective Services. Assumes an increase of approximately 150 foster care placements with state agencies due to increased case referrals and investigations.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director